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CLAIMS

- . Human H37 protein having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.
- 5 2. Human H37 protein having an amino acid sequence where one or more amino acid residue(s) in the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 is/are deleted therefrom, substituted therefor or added thereto.

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- 3. Human H37 protein having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.
- 4. Human H37 protein having an amino acid sequence where one or more amino acid residue(s) in the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 is/are deleted therefrom, substituted therefor or added thereto.
- 15 5. A human gene encoding the human H37 protein of claim 1 or 2.
 - 6. A cDNA of the human gene of claim 5, which has a base sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 or a base sequence where one or more base(s) in the base sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 is/are deleted therefrom, substituted therefor or added thereto.
 - 7. A cDNA of the human gene of claim 5, which has a base sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4 or a base sequence where one or more base(s) in the base sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4 is/are deleted therefrom, substituted therefor or added thereto.
- 25 8. A DNA fragment comprising a partial sequence of cDNA of claim 6.
 - 9. A DNA fragment comprising a partial sequence of cDNA of claim 7.
 - 10. A recombinant vector having the cDNA of claim 6.
 - 11. A recombinant vector having the cDNA of claim 7.

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- An antibody against the human H37 protein of claim 1 or 2. 12.
- An antibody against the human H37 protein of claim 3 or 4. 13.
- A method for promoting the proliferation of cells, which comprises 5 14. introducing the cDNA of claim 6 or the DNA fragment of claim 8 together with expression-regulatory sequences into the cells.\
 - A method for promoting the proliferation of cells, which comprises 15. introducing the cDNA of claim 7 or the DNA fragment of claim 9 together with an expression regulatory sequence into the cells.
 - A method for suppressing the proliferation of cells, which comprises 16. introducing the antibody of claim 10 into the cells.
 - A method for suppressing the proliferation of cells, which comprises 17. introducing the antibody of claim 11 into the cells.

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